

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EEC, GW  
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH FRG AMBASSADOR  
VON STADEN -- US-EC DECLARATION

1. VON STADEN CALLED AT HIS REQUEST JANUARY 4 PRINCIPALLY  
TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT (OTHER TOPICS COVERED SEPTELS).  
VON STADEN SAID THE GERMANS WOULD BE IN THE CHAIR OF  
THE EC-9 AND THAT THEY INTENDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS ON THE  
US-EC TEXT. THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR VIEWS  
PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 10-11 MEETING OF THE EC POLITICAL  
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COMMITTEE.

2. VON STADEN THEN REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S MEETING  
WITH THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS AND SAID

THE FRG AGREED THAT A SHORTER DRAFT WITH MORE POLITICAL CONTENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, THE FRG BELIEVED IT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT TO WORK FROM THE EXISTING TEXT, WHICH ALREADY REPRESENTED A CERTAIN MEASURE OF AGREEMENT, THAN TO DROP IT AND START AFRESH.

3. THE SECRETARY REITERATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR A SHORTER DOCUMENT, LESS LEGALISTIC, MORE ELEVATED IN STYLE AND WITH MORE EMOTIONAL CONTENT. WHILE WE ARE DELIGHTED TO "RECOGNIZE" THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY, SECRETARY SAID, THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO LOOK AHEAD AND TO REDEFINE THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. PROCEDURALLY, EITHER APPROACH IS ACCEPTABLE TO US: WE CAN TRY TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING DRAFT OR DEVELOP A NEW ONE. HOWEVER, THE US DOES NOT INTEND TO TABLE A NEW TEXT.

4. VON STADEN REPLIED THAT THE FRG WOULD SOON TRANSMIT TO US THE LATEST VERSION OF THE DRAFT, INCLUDING EC SUGGESTIONS ON THE ECONOMIC PORTIONS OF IT. THEN, VON STADEN SUGGESTED, THERE SHOULD BE A MEETING OF THE US AND THE NINE FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES. THEREAFTER, IN LIGHT OF THOSE DISCUSSION, THE EC WOULD TRY TO PRODUCE A SHORTER TEXT.

5. THE SECRETARY CONCURRED THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL WAY TO PROCEED. KISSINGER

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